GENERAL COURT.

Wedneſday 30th December 1796.

RESOLVED,

THat it be referred to Mr. *Wilmot* and Mr. *Bernard* to arrange the By-Laws and Regulations of the Hoſpital, according to the preſent Orders and Practice of the Hoſpital; and to print Copies, to be ſent to each of the General Committee, in order that they may report upon them to the next General Court.

(Extract from the Minutes)

T. Merryweather, Sec.

THE

CHARTER,

ACT OF PARLIAMENT,

BY-LAWS,

AND

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THE CHARTER AND ACT OF PARLIAMENT FOR ESTABLISHING THE HOSPITAL FOR THE Maintenance *and* Education OF EXPOSED AND DESERTED YOUNG CHILDREN.

BRITISH MUSEUM

The ROYAL CHARTER, *eſtabliſhing an Hoſpital for the Maintenance and Education of expoſed and deſerted young Chilaren.*

GEORGE *the* SECOND, *by the Grace of God, of* Great-Britain, France *and* Ireland, *King, Defender of the Faith, &c. to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, Greeting.*

WHEREAS Our Truſty and Welbeloved Subject, *Thomas Coram* Gentleman in behalf of great Numbers of helpleſs Infants daily expoſed to Deſtruction, has by his Petition, humbly repreſented unto Us, that many Perſons of Quality and Diſtinction, as well as others, of both Sexes, (being ſenſible of the frequent Murders committed on poor miſerable Infants by their Parents, to hide their

Shame, and the inhuman Cuſtom of expoſing new-born Children to periſh in the Streets, or training them up in Idleneſs, Beggary, and Theft) have, by Inſtruments in Writing, declared their Intentions to contribute liberally towards the erecting an Hoſpital, after the Example of other Chriſtian Countries, and for ſupporting the ſame, for the Reception, Maintenance, and proper Education of ſuch helpleſs Infants, as ſoon as We ſhould be graciouſly pleaſed to grant Our Letters Patent for that good Purpoſe: That ſeveral Legacies having been bequeathed for the ſame, to be paid by Executors, when any ſuch Hoſpital ſhall be properly eſtabliſhed here; the Petitioner therefore hath humbly prayed Us, that We would be graciouſly pleaſed to grant Our Royal Charter for incorporating ſuch Perſons, as We ſhall think fit, for receiving and diſpoſing of Charities for erecting and ſupporting an Hoſpital for the Reception, Maintenance, and proper Education of ſuch caſt-off Children or Foundlings, as may be brought to it, under ſuch Rules and Regulations, as to Us may ſeem meet.

We, taking the Premiſes into Our Royal Conſideration, and being deſirous to promote ſo good and laudable an Eſtabliſhment, are graciouſly pleaſed to gratify the Petitioner in his Requeſt.

Know

Know ye therefore, That We, of Our eſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, have willed, ordained, conſtituted, and appointed, and by theſe Preſents, for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, **Do will,** ordain, conſtitute, declare, and grant, That, Our Right Truſty, and Right Entirely-beloved Couſins, *Charles* Duke of *Richmond*, *Charles* Duke of *Grafton*, *Henry* Duke of *Beaufort*, *John* Duke of *Bedford*, *William* Duke of *Devonſhire*, *Charles* Duke of *Marlborough*, *John* Duke of *Rutland*, *John* Duke of *Montagu*, *Henry* Duke of *Kent*, *James* Duke of *Hamilton*, and *Brandon Thomas Holles*, Duke of *Newcaſtle*, *William* Duke of *Portland*, *John* Duke of *Argyle* and *Greenwich*, *William* Duke of *Mancheſter*, *James* Duke of *Chandos*, *Lionel Cranfield*, Duke of *Dorſet*, and *John* Duke of *Roxburgh*; Our Right Truſty, and Right Welbeloved Couſins, *Edward* Earl of *Derby*, *Theophilus* Earl of *Huntington*, *Henry* Earl of *Pembroke*, *James* Earl of *Saliſbury*, *James* Earl of *Northampton*, *Edward* Earl of *Warwick* and *Holland*, *Daniel* Earl of *Winchelſea* and *Nottingham*, *Philip* Earl of *Cheſterfield*, *William* Earl of *Eſſex*, *George* Earl of *Cardigan*, *Richard* Earl of *Burlington*, *George Henry* Earl of *Litchfield*, *Auguſtus* Earl of

Berkeley, *Richard* Earl of *Scarborough*, *William Anne*, Earl of *Albemarle*, *William* Earl of *Jerſey*, *Henry* Earl of *Grantham*, *Francis* Earl of *Godolphin*, *George* Earl of *Cholmondeley*, *James* Earl of *Abercorn*, *James* Earl of *Findlater*, *Charles* Earl of *Portmore*, *Archibald* Earl of *Hay*, *Edward* Earl of *Oxford* and *Mortimer*, *Philip* Earl *Stanhope*, *James* Earl of *Waldgrave*, *Benjamin* Earl of *Fitzwalter*, *Spencer* Earl of *Wilmington*, and *Thomas* Earl of *Malton*; Our Right Truſty, and Welbeloved Couſins, *Henry* Viſcount *Lonſdale*, *John* Viſcount *Lymington*, *Pattee* Viſcount *Torrington*, *Henry* Viſcount *Palmerſton*, *John* Viſcount *Tyrconnel*, and *Charles* Viſcount *Dillon*; Our Right Truſty, and Welbeloved, *William* Lord *Abergavenny*, *Algernoon* Lord *Piercy*, *John* Lord *Delaware*, *William Ferdinand* Lord *Hunſdon*, *William* Lord *Byron*, *William* Lord *Craven*, *John* Lord *Carteret*, *Charles* Lord *Butler* of *Weſton* Earl of *Arran*, *John* Lord *Gower*, *John* Lord *Hervey*, *Charles* Lord *Cathcart*, *Thomas* Lord *Foley*, *Allen* Lord *Bathurſt*, *Robert* Lord *Walpole*, *John* Lord *Monſon*, *Thomas* Lord *Lovel*, *William* Lord *Harrington*, *Philip* Lord *Hardwicke*, *William* Lord *Talbot*, and *William* Lord *Sundon*, The Lords and others of Our Privy Council

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queſne, and Sir *William Rous* Knights and Aldermen of Our City of London, Sir *Conrad Springhall*, Sir *Roger Hudſon*, Sir *William Jolliffe*, Sir *William Perkins*, Sir *Chaloner Ogle*, and Sir *John Gonſon*, Knights; Our Truſty and Welbeloved *Benjamin Avery*, Doctor of Laws; Our Truſty and Welbeloved *Richard Mead*, *Thomas Crow*, *Caleb Coteſworth*, *Benjamin Hoadley*, *Mathew Lee*, *Joſeph Letherland*, *Edward Willmott*, *Robert Neſbitt*, *Abraham Hall*, and *John Bamber*, Doctors of Phyſick; Our Truſty and Welbeloved *Dudley Ryder* Eſquire, Our Attorney-General; Our Truſty and Welbeloved *John Strange* Eſquire Our Solicitor-General; Our Truſty and Welbeloved *Micajah Perry* Eſquire Lord Mayor of Our City of London; Our Truſty and Welbeloved *Vere Beauclerk* Eſquire commonly called Lord *Vere Beauclerk*; Our Truſty and Welbeloved *Thomas Pelham*, *Robert Trevor*, *George Doddington*, *Anthony Allen*, *Thomas Archer*, *Edward Aſh*, *John Bance*, *Joſeph Banks*, *Walter Baynes*, *Jonathan Belcher*, *George Berkely*, *Stephen Biſſe*, *Martin Bladen*, *Nathaniel Braſſey*, *Stamp Brookſbank*, *James Brudenell*, *Peter Burrel*, *Alexander Hume Campbell*, *Delillers Carbonel*, *Thomas Cartwright*

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Name of the Corporation.

Deed and in Name, by the Name of *The Governors and Guardians of the Hoſpital for the Maintenance and Education of expoſed and deſerted young Children*; and them and their Succeſſors by the ſame Name, We do by theſe Preſents, for Us Our Heirs and Succeſſors, conſtitute and declare to be one Body Politick and Corporate, in Deed and in Law; and by the ſame Name they and their Succeſſors ſhall and may have perpetual Succeſſion; and that they and their Succeſſors, by that Name, ſhall and may for ever hereafter be Perſons able and capable in the Law, and may

Power to enjoy 4000*l.* a year,

have Power, notwithſtanding the Statute of Mortmain, to purchaſe, have, take, receive, and enjoy, to them and their Succeſſors, Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Rents, Tenements, Annuities, and Hereditaments, of whatſoever Nature or Kind, in Fee and Perpetuity, or for Terms of Life or Years, not exceeding the yearly Value of Four thouſand Pounds beyond Reprizes, ſo far as they are not reſtrained by Law; and all

and Goods and Chattels;

Manner of Goods, Chattels, and Things whatſoever, of what Nature or Value ſoever, for the better Support and Maintenance of ſuch poor, deſerted Children, as ſhall be received into the ſaid Hoſpital, in Manner herein after mentioned; and alſo to ſell, grant, demiſe, exchange, and diſpoſe of any of the ſame Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, and Tenements, whereof and wherein they

they ſhall have any Eſtate of Inheritance, or for Life, Lives, or Years, as aforeſaid; and that by the Name aforeſaid they ſhall and may be able to ſue and be ſued, plead and be impleaded, anſwer and be anſwered unto, defend and be defended, in all Courts and Pleas whatſoever of Us Our Heirs and Succeſſors, in all Actions, Plaints, Matters, and Demands whatſoever, and to act and do in all Matters and Things relating to the ſaid Coporation, in as ample Manner and Form, as any other Our liege Subjects, being Perſons able and capable in the Law, or any other Body Politick or Corporate in this Part of Our Kingdom of *Great Britain* called *England*, lawfully may or can act or do; and that the ſaid Corporation for ever hereafter ſhall and may have and uſe a common Seal for the Cauſes and Buſineſſes of them and their Succeſſors; and that it ſhall and may be lawful for them, and their Succeſſors, to change, break, alter, and make new the ſaid Seal from time to time, as they ſhall think fit.

to ſue and be ſued;

may have a common Seal.

And, for the better Execution of the Purpoſes aforeſaid, **We do declare and grant**, That, the ſaid Corporation, and their Succeſſors for ever, ſhall have One Preſident, Six Vice-preſidents, and One Treaſurer; and that *John* Duke of *Bedford* be the firſt Preſident; that the ſaid *Micajah Perry*, the ſaid Lord

One Preſident, ſix Vice preſidents, and one Treaſurer.

Names of the firſt in thoſe Offices;

Lord *Vere Beauclerk*, the ſaid Sir *Joſeph Eyles*, the ſaid *Martin Folkes*, the ſaid *Peter Burrel*, and the ſaid *James Cook* be the Six firſt Vice-preſidents; and that the ſaid *Lewis Way* be the firſt Treaſurer of the ſaid Corporation, each of them reſpectively to continue in their ſeveral and reſpective Offices of Preſident, Vice-preſidents, and Treaſurer, until the ſecond *Wedneſday* in *May*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and forty, and until others ſhall be choſen in their reſpective Rooms.

to continue until the ſecond *Wedneſday* in *May*, 1740.

And Our Will and Pleaſure is,

That the ſaid Preſident, Vice-preſidents, and Treaſurer, and the reſt of the Members of the ſaid Corporation alſo abovenamed, or as many of them the ſaid Preſident, Vice-preſidents, and Members as conveniently can, may, within Forty Days next after the Date of this Our Grant, meet together at ſuch Time and Place as the ſaid Preſident ſhall appoint by Summons, or other Notice, which he is by theſe Preſents impowered and required timely to iſſue for that Purpoſe, to the ſaid Members, or ſuch of them as live within the Cities of *London* or *Weſtminſter*, or the Borough of *Southwark*, or within Two Miles thereof; where they, or the major Part of them then preſent, may chuſe by Ballot One or more Secretaries, and ſuch other inferior Officers and Servants as ſhall be thought convenient and uſeful for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Corporation, and

First Meeting within 40 Days.

May chuſe one or more Secretaries, and other Officers and Servants, to ſerve until the ſecond *Wedneſday* in *May*, 1740.

to

to ſerve in the ſaid Offices reſpectively, until the ſecond *Wedneſday* in the Monh of *May*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and forty, and until others ſhall be elected in their reſpective Rooms, unleſs they ſhall ſooner die, or be removed; and at ſuch Meetings One or more Committee or Committees ſhall be choſen out of the Members of the ſaid Corporation, to conſiſt of ſuch Number and Perſons, as to the ſaid General Court ſhall ſeem proper; which Committee or Committees ſhall continue until the ſaid ſecond *Wedneſday* in the Month of *May*, in the ſaid Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and forty, and ſhall have Power to direct, manage, and tranſact all the Buſineſs, Affairs, Eſtate and Effects of the ſaid Corporation, and take in, receive, maintain, and employ ſuch poor deſerted Children, according to ſuch Rules and Directions as ſhall be made and eſtabliſhed from time to time by General Courts; to which ſaid General Courts We do by theſe Preſents, for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, give and grant full Power and Authority to make and eſtabliſh ſuch Rules and Directions for the Reception, Maintenance, and Employment of ſuch poor deſerted Children, as they, or the major Part of them ſhall think meet, fit, and convenient, from time to time; and for that Purpoſe ſuch Committee or Committees may erect or purchaſe ſuch fitting Place to be an Hoſpital for the Reception of ſuch Children.

One or more Committee or Committees to be choſen; to continue until the ſecond *Wedneſday* in *May*, 1740, have Power to direct, manage, and tranſact, and take in Children according to ſuch Rules and Directions as ſhall be made by General Courts.

May erect or purchaſe a fitting Place to be an Hoſpital.

And

And Our further Will is, That on every second *Wedneſday* in the Month of *May* yearly, there ſhall and may be a General Meeting of the Governors and Guardians of the ſaid Corporation in the ſaid Hoſpital, or ſome other convenient Place, until the ſaid Hoſpital be made ready to receive them, for the electing by Ballot all ſucceeding Preſidents, Vice-preſidents, Treaſurers, and Committees out of the Members of the ſaid Corporation, by Majority of Votes of all the Members then perſonally preſent, to continue in their reſpective Offices until the ſecond *Wedneſday* in the ſaid Month of *May* following, and until others ſhall be choſen in their reſpective Rooms; and that all ſucceeding Secretaries and other inferior Officers and Servants, be annually appointed, or oftner, if needful, by the major Part of the Governors and Guardians for the time being, then preſent at their General Meeting; and in caſe of an Equality of Votes, the Preſident, or in caſe of his Death or Abſence, the Vice-preſident firſt named in the Liſt of Vice-preſidents then preſent, to have a double or caſting Vote, and at ſuch Salaries as they ſhall think reaſonable.

Every ſecond *Wedneſday* in *May* yearly, to be a General Meeting, to elect by Ballot all ſucceeding Preſidents, Vice-preſidents, Treaſurer, and Committees; to continue until the ſecond *Wedneſday* in *May* following.

All ſucceeding Secretaries, Officers, and Servants, to be annually appointed, or oftner, if needful, at General Meetings.

We will moreover, That there ſhall be every Year four ſtated General Meetings of the Governors and Guardians of the ſaid Corporation, to be held on the firſt *Wedneſday* after *Lady-day*,

Four ſtated General Meetings on the firſt *Wedneſday* after *Lady-day*, *Midſummer*, *Michaelmas*, and *Chriſtmas*.

day, *Midſummer*, *Michaelmas* and *Chriſtmas* Days reſpectively; at which Meetings, and no other, the ſaid Corporation, or the major Part of the Members thereof then preſent, ſhall and may execute Leaſes for Years, and make Bye-laws for the Well-government of the ſaid Corporation; which Bye-laws, not being repugnant to the Laws and Statutes of this Our Realm, ſhall and may be effectually obſerved and kept.

May then execute Leaſes, and make By-laws.

Provided nevertheleſs, and Our Will is, That no ſuch Bye-laws ſo to be made by this Corporation ſhall be binding, until the ſame ſhall be confirmed by ſome ſucceeding General Meeting; and that the ſame Method be obſerved in the altering or repealing any Bye-laws, after they ſhall have been ſo confirmed: And the Members to be preſent at ſuch Quarterly Meetings, or the major Part of them then preſent, are hereby impowered, from time to time, to remove and diſplace any Officers or Servants belonging to the ſaid Hoſpital, for Miſdemeanors, at their Will and Pleaſure, and to put others into their Rooms from time to time: And We do hereby alſo impower the Committee for the time being, or any Five or more of them, on any juſt Cauſe, to ſuſpend, remove and diſplace any inferior Officers or Servants, and to put others in their Rooms, until the next General or Quarterly Court or Meeting.

No By-laws binding, until confirm'd by a ſucceeding General Meeting; and ſame Method to alter or repeal any By-laws.

At Quarterly Meetings may remove and diſplace Officers or Servants, and put others into their Rooms.

Any five or more of the Committee have Power to ſuſpend, remove, and diſplace any inferior Officers or Servants, and put others in their Rooms, until the next General or Quarterly Meeting.

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Thirteen or more to be present at Quarterly or General Meetings.

Provided, That no Act in any Quarterly or other General Meeting be valid, unless Thirteen or more Members be present, and the major Part of such as shall be present be consenting thereto.

At any Yearly, Quarterly, or other General Meeting, which the President has Power to summon at any other Times, as there shall be Occasion, may, by Ballot, elect Governors to be Members of the Corporation.

We will moreover, That the said Corporation and their Successors, or the major Part of such of them as shall be present at any Yearly or Quarterly Court, or other General Meeting, which the President has by these Presents Power to summon at any other Times, as there shall be Occasion, may, from time to time, by Ballot, elect and choose such fit and able Persons to be Governors and Guardians, as they shall think most likely to encourage and promote the charitable Designs of the said Corporation; which Governors and Guardians so elected, shall, from and after such Election, be adjudged and deemed Members of the said Corporation, and as such shall be summoned and admitted to vote and act by Virtue of these Presents, as fully and effectually, to all Intents, and Purposes, as if their Names respectively were particularly inserted to be Members thereof in and by this Our Charter.

The Corporation, and their Successors, to appoint Persons to take Subscriptions, and collect Monies.

And We will moreover, That the said Corporation, and their Successors, shall have Power to authorise and appoint such Persons as they shall think fit

fit to take Subſcriptions, and to aſk of all or any of Our good Subjects, and gather and collect ſuch Monies as ſhall, by any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politic, or Corporate, Companies, or other Societies, be contributed or given for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and may revoke and make void ſuch Authorities and Appointment, as often as they may ſee Cauſe ſo to do.

And Our further Will and Pleaſure is, That the ſaid Corporation ſhall and may cauſe fair and juſt Accounts in Writing to be kept of all Receipts, Payments and Doings, by them, their Officers, and Agents reſpectively, in relation to the Premiſſes, which ſhall be liable to the View and Inſpection of any Subſcriber or Subſcribers, Benefactor or Benefactors upon Occaſion; which ſaid Account ſhall, on the Twentieth Day of *December*, in every Year, or within Fourteen Days after, be examined, audited, adjuſted, and ſubſcribed by the Members preſent at ſuch Meeting, or the major Part of them.

Accounts in Writing to be kept of all Receipts, Payments and Doings; to be inſpected by any Benefactor upon Occaſion.

and upon the 20th *December* in every Year, or within 14 Days, the Accounts to be examined and audited by the Members preſent at ſuch Meeting.

We will moreover, That all Perſons who ſhall ſubſcribe and pay to the ſaid Corporation to the Amount of Twenty Pounds, or more, or of Forty Shillings, or more, annually, ſhall have free Liberty to inſpect the ſaid Hoſpital, and inform themſelves of the State thereof, and of the Manner of nurſing,

All Perſons paying 20l. or more, or 40s. or more annually, to have Liberty to inſpect the Hoſpital.

dicting, managing, inſtructing, and employing the Children therein.

In all General Courts the Preſident, or, in caſe of Death or Abſence, the Vice-preſident firſt named in the Liſt of Vice-preſidents then preſent to be the Chairman.

And further we will, That in all General Courts, the Preſident, or in caſe of his Death or Abſence, the Vice-preſident firſt named in the Liſt of Vice-preſidents then preſent, be the Chairman of the ſaid Court, and to have a Voice in caſe of an Equality of Votes.

And laſtly Our Will and Pleaſure is, That theſe Our Letters Patent, or the Inrolment or Exemplification thereof, ſhall be good, firm, valid, and effectual in the Law, according to Our Royal Intentions herein before declared; and ſhall be taken, conſtrued, and adjudged, in all Our Courts, or elſewhere, in the moſt favourable and beneficial Senſe, and for the beſt Advantage of the ſaid Corporation, and their Succeſſors; any Omiſſion, Imperfection, Defect, Matter, Cauſe, or Thing whatſoever to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding, without Fine or Fee, great or ſmall, to be for the ſame in any Manner rendered, done, or paid to Us in Our Hanaper, or elſewhere, to Our Uſe.

In Witneſs whereof We have cauſed theſe Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witneſs Ourſelf at *Weſtminſter*, the Seventeenth Day of *October*, in the Thirteenth Year of Our Reign.

By Writ of Privy Seal.

COCKS.

Anno decimo tertio

GEORGII II. Regis.

An Act for confirming and enlarging the Powers granted by His Majeſty to the Governors and Guardians of the Hoſpital, for the Maintenance and Education of expoſed and deſerted young Children, by His moſt Gracious Charter, bearing Date the Seventeenth Day of October, *in the Year of Our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty-nine, and to enable them to execute the good Purpoſes of the Charter.*

Whereas His Majeſty, in Compaſſion to the Numbers of poor Infants, who are liable to be expoſed to periſh in the Streets, or be murdered by their indigent and inhuman Parents, has been moſt graciouſly pleaſed, by His Royal Charter under the Great Seal of *Great-Britain*, to Preamble.

create and eſtabliſh a Body Politick, by the Name of *The Governors and Guardians of the Hoſpital for the Maintenance and Education of expoſed and deſerted young Children*; which Corporation is by the ſaid Charter declared to have perpetual Succeſſion, and impowered to take, hold, purchaſe, receive and poſſeſs Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to the Value of Four thouſand Pounds a Year, and Goods, Chattels, and Perſonal Eſtate of what Nature and Value ſoever; and to purchaſe or erect an Hoſpital for the Support, Maintenance, and Education of expoſed and deſerted young Children: and to hold Courts, to make By-laws, and to elect Governors and Officers, and to do other Acts for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Charter: And whereas by Reaſon of the Laws now in Force, for the Relief of the Poor, many Difficulties may ariſe in carrying into Execution the good Intents of the ſaid Charter, and that the granting other and further Powers to the ſaid Corporation is requiſite, effectually to anſwer the Purpoſes aforeſaid; may it pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted.

And be it therefore enacted, by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That the ſaid Corporation, called

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The Governors and Guardians of the Hoſpital for the Maintenance and Education of expoſed and deſerted young Children, and their Succeſſors, ſhall have Power, by any Inſtrument under their common Seal, to contract for, or to purchaſe any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, provided the ſame do not exceed the Value of Four thouſand Pounds a Year in Fee, beyond Reprizes, or to take or purchaſe for any Term or Terms of Years, or as Tenants, from Year to Year, or at Will, any Lands or Tenements whatſoever, to hold and enjoy the ſame, and to erect any Houſe or Houſes, Building or Buildings thereon, or to convert any Houſe or Houſes, Building or Buildings, which they ſhall ſo purchaſe or hire for that Purpoſe, to be an Hoſpital or Hoſpitals, for the Reception of ſuch poor and expoſed Children, in ſuch Manner as to the ſaid Corporation ſhall ſeem meet.

Name of the Corporation.

Power to purchaſe and enjoy 4000l. a Year.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every Houſe or Houſes, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which ſhall at any Time hereafter be purchaſed or hired by the ſaid Corporation, to be uſed or converted into an Hoſpital or Hoſpitals, as aforeſaid, or on which any ſuch Hoſpital or Hoſpitals, Houſe or Houſes ſhall be erected, ſhall at all Times hereafter, whilſt ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments

Taxes on Lands, &c. not to be raiſed above what was paid in 1739.

ments ſhall continue in the Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Corporation, be rated and aſſeſſed to all Rates and Aſſeſſments, at ſuch yearly Rates and Value, and in ſuch Proportion, as ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments were rated and aſſeſſed in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred thirty and nine, and ſhall not at any Time hereafter, ſo long as they ſhall continue in the Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Corporation, as aforeſaid, be rated or aſſeſſed at any higher Value, notwithſtanding any Improvement which ſhall be hereafter made by the ſaid Corporation, of or upon the ſame, by erecting any ſuch Houſe or Houſes, or other Building or Buildings, or by converting any Building or Buildings into ſuch Hoſpital or Hoſpitals, Houſe or Houſes; any Law, Statute or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

though improved for the Uſe of the Corporation.

And that the ſaid Corporation may not be prevented from erecting or enjoying ſuch Buildings as may be moſt convenient for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, by the Incapacity or legal Diſability of any Perſon or Perſons to convey, though on Terms which would be for the Benefit and Advantage of ſuch Perſon or Perſons; be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations aggregate or ſole,

Femes

Femes Covert, who are or ſhall be ſeiſed in their own Right, Truſtees, and Feoffees in Truſt, Guardians and Committees for Lunaticks and Ideots, Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Guardians whatſoever, not only for and on Behalf of themſelves, their Heirs and Succeſſors, but alſo for and on Behalf of their *Ceſtuique* Truſts, whether Infants or Iſſue unborn, Lunaticks, Ideots, Femes Covert, and other Perſon whatſoever, and to and for all and every Perſon and Perſons, who are or ſhall be ſeiſed or poſſeſſed of, or intereſted in any Lands, Meſſuages, or Tenements, which the ſaid Corporation ſhall judge to be proper to be by them purchaſed or hired, in order to the erecting ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Building or Buildings, as aforeſaid, or to the converting any Houſe or Houſes, Building or Buildings to their Uſe, as aforeſaid, to contract for, ſell, convey or to farm let to the ſaid Corporation, or their Succeſſors, or ſuch Perſons as they ſhall appoint in Truſt for them, all or any ſuch Meſſuage, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof; Provided, That every ſuch Contract ſo to be made, by or on Behalf of any Perſon, under any Incapacity to convey, be, before it is carried into Execution, approved of by the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Keeper, or the Lords Commiſſioners of the Great Seal of *Great-Britain* for the Time being, on a Petition or Petitions to

Femes Covert, &c. may ſell Lands or Tenements to the Corporation.

Conveyances to be approved of by the Lord Chancellor, &c.

to him or them exhibited on Behalf of ſuch Perſon or Perſons for that Purpoſe; and the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Keeper, or Lords Commiſſioners of the Great Seal for the time being, are hereby impowered, authorized, and required, in a ſummary Way, without any Bill filed, to examine into the Allegations of any ſuch Petition, and to approve or diſapprove of any ſuch Contract, and to give ſuch Direction for the Diſpoſition of the Money ariſing therefrom, as to him or them ſhall ſeem juſt; and that all ſuch Contracts, Agreements, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances, which ſhall be ſo made, as aforeſaid, ſhall be good and valid in Law, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, not only to convey the Eſtate and Intereſt of the Perſon or Perſons conveying, but alſo to convey all Right, Eſtate, Intereſt, Uſe, Property, Claim, and Demand whatſoever, of their ſeveral and reſpective *Ceſtuique* Truſts, whether Infants, or Iſſue unborn, Lunaticks, Ideots Femes Covert, or other Perſon whatſoever, and all Perſons claiming, or to claim by, from or under them; any Law, Statute, Uſage, or any other Matter or Thing whatſoever, to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Provided always, and be it enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every Sum and Sums of Money ariſing

ariſing from or paid by the ſaid Corporation to any Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations aggregate or ſole, Femes Covert, who are or ſhall be ſeiſed in their own Right, Truſtees, or Feoffees in Truſt, Guardians or Committees for Lunaticks or Ideots, Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Guardians, as aforeſaid, as the Conſideration or Purchaſe-money for any Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments for erecting ſuch Houſe or Houſes, Building or Buildings for an Hoſpital or Hoſpitals for the Reception of ſuch Poor and expoſed Children, ſhall be laid out in the Purchaſe of other Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes, and ſtand charged with, and liable to the ſame Charge or Charges, as the Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments ſo ſold and conveyed were ſettled, liable to, and chargeable with; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Money paid for Lands or Tenements to Femes Covert, &c. to be laid out in other Lands, made liable to the ſame Uſes.

And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Corporation, or any Perſon or Perſons authorized by them, to receive, maintain, and educate all or as many Children as they ſhall think fit, into or in any Hoſpital or Hoſpitals, Houſe or Houſes, which ſhall by the ſaid Corporation be erected, purchaſed, or hired for ſuch Purpoſes;

Corporation to maintain and educate as many Children as they think fit.

Purpoſes; and that it ſhall be lawful for all and every Perſon whatſoever to bring any Child or Children whatſoever to any ſuch Hoſpital or Houſe, as aforeſaid, to the end that ſuch Child or Children may be received, maintained, and educated by the ſaid Corporation therein, in caſe they ſhall think proper to receive the ſame; and that no Church-warden, Overſeer, or other Perſon whatſoever, ſhall, by Virtue or Authority of any Law in being, for the Proviſion or Maintenance of the Poor, or for Baſtard Children, ſtop, moleſt, or diſturb any Perſon in bringing any ſuch Child or Children to any ſuch Hoſpital or Houſe, as aforeſaid, or in returning from the ſame; and that every Church-warden, Overſeer, or other Perſon whatſoever, ſtopping, diſturbing, or moleſting any ſuch Perſon or Perſons, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning hereof, ſhall forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings for every ſuch Offence; Half of which ſhall be paid to the Informer, and Half to the Uſe of the ſaid Hoſpital; which Forfeiture ſhall be levied by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any Two of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County, Liberty, or Franchiſe where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed.

No Church-warden, &c. to hinder any Perſons bringingtheir Children to the Hoſpital.

On Penalty of 40s.

And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Overſeer or Overſeers of the Poor, Churchwarden or

No Pariſh Officer ſhall have any Authority in the Hoſpital.

or Churchwardens, or other Officer, appointed for the Care and Maintenance of the Poor, ſhall have or exerciſe any Power or Authority in any ſuch Hoſpital or Hoſpitals, Houſe or Houſes, which ſhall be appointed for the Reception of ſuch poor Children, as aforeſaid, nor ſhall have any Authority to enquire concerning the Birth or Settlement of any ſuch Child or Children, who ſhall be therein maintained and educated, or to place them out Apprentices, or to do any other Act, Matter, or Thing whatſoever, within ſuch Hoſpital or Hoſpitals, Houſe or Houſes, Place or Places, appointed by the ſaid Corporation for the Reception, Maintenance, or Education of ſuch Children, as aforeſaid, ſave only to collect or levy ſuch Taxes, as they are or ſhall be by any Act of Parliament impowered to levy and collect.

No Settlement by being educated in the Hoſpital.

And be it further enacted, That no Child or Children, Nurſe or Nurſes, Servant or Servants, received, maintained, educated or employed within any ſuch Hoſpital or Hoſpitals, Place or Places, which ſhall be built, purchaſed, hired, or appointed by the ſaid Corporation for the Reception, Maintenance, or Education of ſuch poor Children, as aforeſaid, ſhall gain any Settlement in the Pariſh or Pariſhes, Place or Places, where ſuch Hoſpital or Hoſpitals, Houſe or Houſes, Place or

or Places are ſituate, by virtue of ſuch their Reception, Continuance, Hiring, or Reſidence in ſuch Hoſpital or Hoſpitals, Houſe or Houſes, Place or Places; any Law, Cuſtom, Uſage, Matter, or Thing whatſoever, to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. Nor ſhall any Mortuary Fee, or Reward whatſoever, be due or payable to any Rector, Vicar, Curate, Miniſter, Clerk, Sexton, or other Officer of any Pariſh or Pariſhes, where ſuch Hoſpital or Hoſpitals, Houſe or Houſes, Place or Places ſhall be ſituate, for or on Account of the Chriſtening, Death or Burial of any Child or Children who ſhall be ſo maintained and educated by the ſaid Corporation, as aforeſaid, who ſhall be chriſtened, die, or be buried, during their Continuance under the Care of the ſaid Corporation: And the Offices of Baptiſm and Burial of all ſuch Children, ſhall be performed by ſuch Miniſter or Miniſters of the Church of *England*, as the ſaid Corporation ſhall agree with, and employ for that Purpoſe; and no other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever ſhall be obliged to perform the ſame: And the ſaid Corporation ſhall provide ſufficient Burial Ground for all Children dying under their Care; and ſhall not be intitled to make uſe of any other Church-yard or Burial-place belonging to the Pariſhioners of any Pariſh, for the burying of any ſuch Child or Children.

No Fees due to any Pariſh for Chriſtenings or Burials.

Corporation to provide Miniſter and Burial Ground.

And

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Corporation, or any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be by them authorized and appointed, to detain and employ in any Sort of Labour or Manufacture, or in the Sea Service, all and every ſuch Child or Children by them ſo maintained and educated, till ſuch Children ſhall attain the reſpective Ages following; that is to ſay, Until every ſuch Male Child ſhall attain his Age of Twenty-four Years, and every ſuch Female Child ſhall attain her Age of Twenty-one Years, or ſhall be married; or to bind any ſuch Child or Children Apprentice or Apprentices to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be willing to take the ſame, or to place them out as Servants, or as Mariners, to any Huſbandman, Maſter, or Captain of a Ship, or other Perſon whatſoever till their ſaid reſpective Ages, as aforeſaid; and that every ſuch Binding or Hiring ſhall be as effectual to all Purpoſes, as if ſuch Child were of full Age, and by Indenture or otherwiſe had bound or hired themſelves.

Perſons educated in the Hoſpital how to be employed.

And further, That it ſhall be lawful to the ſaid Corporation, or any Perſon or Perſons by them authorized and impowered for that Purpoſe, at any time or times, ſo long as any Child or Children ſhall continue to be maintained by the ſaid Corporation, to hire or let out

Children may be let for Hire to work Abroad for the Uſe of the Hoſpital.

out ſuch Child or Children to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall deſire to contract with the ſaid Corporation, for the Work and Labour of ſuch Child or Children, and to receive and take to the Uſe of the ſaid Corporation, the Profit ariſing for ſuch their Work and Labour, and to give ſuch reaſonable Correction to any ſuch Child or Children for their Idleneſs, Diſobedience, or Miſbehaviour as they ſhall think proper; and that every ſuch Child or Children ſhall be under the Direction and Controul of the ſaid Corporation, ſo long as they ſhall continue to maintain ſuch Child or Children.

Preſident, &c. to be choſen annually.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Preſident, Vice-preſidents, and Treaſurer of the ſaid Corporation, ſhall reſpectively continue as ſuch, until there ſhall be others choſen into their reſpective Offices; and that for that Purpoſe there ſhall, on the ſecond *Wedneſday*, which ſhall be in the Month of *May* next, and ſo on every ſecond *Wedneſday* in the Month of *May* yearly, for ever, be a general Meeting of the Governors and Guardians of the ſaid Hoſpital; and that the Governors and Guardians then preſent, ſhall proceed to the Election of a Preſident, Six Vice-preſidents, and a Treaſurer; which Election ſhall be by Ballot, and determined by the Majority of the Votes of the Governors and Guardians preſent at ſuch Election;

Election; and in caſe it ſhall happen at any time or times hereafter, that the ſaid Election cannot be made or compleated on the ſecond *Wedneſday* in the Month of *May* next, or in any other Year, that then, and as often as it ſhall ſo happen, ſuch new Election ſhall be made within the Space of Forty Days, to be computed from ſuch ſecond *Wedneſday* in *May*; and for that Purpoſe the Majority of the Governors and Guardians then preſent, ſhall have Power to adjourn ſuch Meeting to any Day within ſuch Forty Days; Notice of which Adjournment, as alſo of all other General Meetings, ſhall be given in the *Gazette*, and alſo (in caſe the ſaid Governors and Guardians preſent at any Meeting, or the major Part of them ſhall ſo direct) in any other publick News Paper, at leaſt Three Days before ſuch General Meeting, whether annual, quarterly, or ſpecial. And the Perſons elected at any ſuch Meeting or Meetings, by Ballot, as aforeſaid, by the Majority of the Votes of the Governors and Guardians preſent at ſuch Meeting, ſhall be, and are hereby impowered to act as Preſident, Vice-preſidents, and Treaſurer of the ſaid Corporation for the Year next enſuing ſuch their Election, and till others ſhall be elected into the ſaid Offices.

Provided, That when and ſo often as any Vacancy or Vacancies ſhall happen by Death of any of the Preſidents, Vice- On Death of Preſident, &c. others to be choſen.

Vice-preſidents, or Treaſurers of the ſaid Corporation, the Governors and Guardians of the ſaid Corporation, or the major Part of them, ſhall have Power, at the next General or Quarterly Court that ſhall be kept and held by them, after ſuch Vacancy or Vacancies ſhall happen, to proceed to a new Election of a Preſident, Vice-preſident, or Treaſurer, in the Place of the Perſon or Perſons deceaſed; all which Elections ſhall be by way of Ballot, in ſuch Manner as aforeſaid: And for the better ordering and managing the Affairs of the ſaid Corporation, **be it further enacted,** That the Governors and Guardians of the ſaid Corporation for the time being, or the major Part of them, are hereby impowered, at any of the General or Quarterly Courts which ſhall, from time to time, be kept and held by them, to chuſe and appoint One or more Committee or Committees as Occaſion ſhall require, for tranſacting ſuch Buſineſs, and auditing the Accounts of the ſaid Corporation, and to require the Treaſurer, Officers, and Servants of the ſaid Corporation to accompt at ſuch Times, and in ſuch Manner, as they ſhall direct, and for ſuch other Purpoſes as they ſhall think fit; and at the ſaid General and Quarterly Courts ſhall have Power to examine, allow, and paſs ſuch Accompts, and to make ſuch By-laws as they ſhall think proper for the better Government of the ſaid Corporation: **Provided,**

At any of the General Courts Committees may be appointed.

Provided, That no By-law ſo made ſhall have any Force or Effect till approved of by the next Quarterly General Court; **and provided alſo**, That the ſame be not inconſiſtent with the Laws and Statutes of this Realm.

Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That none of the Governors and Guardians of the ſaid Corporation, or any of their Succeſſors, who ſhall hereafter be elected Governors and Guardians of the ſaid Corporation, or any Officer of the ſaid Corporation, ſhall be obliged to take the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or any Oath or Oaths whatſoever, to qualify them to execute the Office of Preſident, Vice-preſidents, Treaſurer, or any other Office, or to diſcharge any Truſt relating to the ſaid Corporation; any Law, Statute, Cuſtom, or Uſage to the contrary hereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. Proviſo.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That ſuch of the Governors of the ſaid Corporation for the time being, who ſhall be preſent at any of the ſaid General Courts or Meetings, or the major Part of them, or any Committee or Committees choſen by the ſaid Corporation, and impowered by them ſo to do, ſhall have Power from time to time, and at all times, to elect, ſuſpend, remove, or diſplace any Officer or Officers, Governors may remove Officers and Servants at Pleaſure.

cers, Servant or Servants belonging to the ſaid Corporation, at their Diſcretion, without any Cauſe aſſigned.

Servants obliged to accompt.

And be it further enacted, That in caſe any inferior Officer or Servant ſhall refuſe to accompt as aforeſaid, or to produce any Papers, Books, Vouchers, or other Effects whatſoever, which he, ſhe, or they ſhall be intruſted with, by or on account of the ſaid Corporation, that it ſhall and may be lawful for any Two of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace of the County, Liberty, or Franchiſe where ſuch Servant ſhall be found, on Complaint made on the Part of the ſaid Corporation, to commit any ſuch inferior Officer or Servant to the common Gaol of the ſaid County, Liberty or Franchiſe, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he or ſhe hath made a true Account, and ſatisfied and paid ſo much, as upon the ſaid Accompt ſhall be remaining in his or her Hands, and has delivered up to the ſaid Corporation ſuch Papers, Books, Vouchers, or other Effects.

Public Act.

And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be a publick Act, and be ſo deemed and taken to be, and ſhall and may in all Caſes be given in Evidence on the General Iſſue, and not be ſpecially pleaded.

FINIS.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

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YOUNG CHILDREN.

BY-LAWS.

Firſt. NO Officer or Servant of this Corporation ſhall take any Gratuity, Fee, or Reward, for any thing relating to this Corporation, from any perſon or perſons whatſoever, but ſuch asonly ſhall be paid by this Corporation; and any Officer or Servant offending therein, ſhall be immediately diſcharged, and rendered incapable of ſerving this Corporation hereafter. Servants.

Second. All ſums of Money which are received by the Treaſurer, on account of this Corporation, ſhall be reported to the next General Committee: and whenever the Caſh in the Treaſurer's hands ſhall amount to the ſum of Five Hundred Pounds, beyond the current and uſual expence of this Corporation, the Treaſurer ſhall acquaint the General Committee therewith, that the Caſh.

the ſame be diſpoſed of; but no lands or other real eſtate, ſhall be purchaſed, without the order of the General Court; nor ſhall any Caſh belonging to this Corporation be placed out on any ſecurities, other than Parliamentary Securities, unleſs by direction of the General Court.

General Committees.

Third. The General Committee ſhall meet as often as they ſhall ſee convenient by adjournment, or on proper notice. Any five or more of them, ſhall have power to tranſact buſineſs; and in caſe of an equality of votes, the Chairman ſhall have a double, or caſting vote.

Governors excluded from making any Profit of the Hoſpital.

Fourth. No Committee ſhall contract for, or purchaſe any thing whatſoever, for the uſe of the Hoſpital, in which any Governor or Guardian, has any property, intereſt, or concern, land or houſes only excepted; nor ſhall the General Court or Committee elect any Governor or Guardian of this Hoſpital to any place or office of the Corporation, to which any ſalary ſhall be annexed. And in all caſes, where any debate or controverſy ſhall ariſe, concerning any matter wherein the private intereſt of any Governor or Governors of this Hoſpital ſhall interfere with the intereſt of the Corporation, ſuch Governor or Governors ſhall have no right to debate or vote; but ſhall, after having ſtated

ſtated his or their caſe, withdraw until the matter is determined.

Fifth. The Seal of this Corporation ſhall be kept in a box, with two different locks and keys; which keys ſhall be in the cuſtody of ſuch two perſons as the General Committee ſhall from time to time appoint; and the Seal ſhall not be affixed to any writing or inſtrument whatſoever, but by order of the General Court, or by order of the General Committee; and the ſame ſhall always be ſo affixed in the preſence of four of the ſaid Committee, two of whom with the ſecretary ſhall counterſign the ſame; and, at the ſame time, an entry ſhall be made in the Minute Book of ſuch General Court or Committee, of the purpoſes for which, and the time when, the Seal was affixed; which ſhall be likewiſe ſigned by the ſaid four Gentlemen, which Book ſhall be produced to the next General Committee; or, if required, to any General Meeting; and that in caſe the Preſident, Vice-preſident, Treaſurer, or ſuch other Governor and Guardian, or other perſon, in whoſe cuſtody the keys are, ſhall not attend, they ſhall deliver the key to ſuch Governor and Guardian, or to the Secretary as they ſhall think fit; provided ſuch Governor and Guardian is not poſſeſſed of another key; and if it ſhould ſo happen, that ſuch Governor and Guardian is previouſly The Seal.

ouſly poſſeſſed of a key of the box, he ſhall deliver the laſt key received to another Governor and Guardian who has none.

Extraordinary Counts.

Sixth. When and as often as the General Committee, or any ſeven or more of the Governors and Guardians ſhall apply to the Preſident for the time being, to call a General Meeting; ſignifying, in writing ſigned by them, the reaſon for calling ſuch Meeting, the ſaid Preſident ſhall thereupon call and appoint the ſame, to be held within the ſpace of ten days then next after; by directing three days notice to be given (in the Gazette and any other public News-paper) thereof, and of the cauſe of ſuch Meeting.

Accounts.

Seventh. The majority of the Governors and Guardians, who ſhall be preſent at every General Meeting of this Corporation, which ſhall be kept and held next after *Chriſtmas-day* in every year, ſhall, at ſuch General Meeting, chuſe and appoint a ſpecial Committee of ſeven perſons, who are not of the General Committee, to examine, audit and adjuſt the Accounts of the Treaſurer of this Corporation for the time being, and of the Officers and Servants of the Hoſpital, made up to the 31ſt of *December*; and for that purpoſe to require ſuch Treaſurer, Officers and Servants to lay their Accompts, and Vouchers

Vouchers thereunto belonging, before ſuch Committee; which is to report the ſame with their opinion, at the next General Meeting of the Governors and Guardians of this Corporation, held next after *Lady-day* yearly.

REGULATIONS

For MANAGING the

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REGULATIONS

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CHAP. I.

§ 1. *The Regulations of the* CORPORATION.

THIS CORPORATION is empowered to act, by Charter and Act of Parliament confirming it, either in an aſſembly of the Governors and Guardians, which is called a General Court or Meeting; or by a ſelect number or Committee, which is called the General Committee for managing the eſtates and effects of the Hoſpital; which Committee is to be choſen annually by the General Court.

§ 2.. *General Courts.*

General Courts muſt conſiſt of thirteen Governors at leaſt; and in them the Preſident, or in his abſence the Vice-Preſident firſt named in the liſt of Vice-Preſidents,

Preſidents (which is always to be made by ſeniority) and, in caſe no Vice-Preſident is preſent, the Treaſurer is to preſide; to keep order and decency, to explain the buſineſs of the aſſembly, to put queſtions, and that by way of ballot, if demanded; to declare the numbers of the ballot, and in caſe of an equality of votes, he is to have a double or caſting vote.

No Court is to be adjourned, but by conſent of the majority of the Governors preſent.

If there are not thirteen Governors preſent, any five or more of the General Committee then preſent may hold a General Committee.

Previous to the holding any General Court, three days notice is to be given in the *Gazette*; which notice is to expreſs the purpoſe, for which ſuch Court is to be held.

The ordinary General Courts appointed by the Charter, are an annual Court for the election of the Committee, and quarterly Courts for other purpoſes; but extraordinary Courts may be called, if occaſion requires.

§ 3. *Annual Courts.*

Fourteen days previous to the annual Court, the General Committee is to cauſe a liſt to be printed of the names of the General Committee propoſed to be ballotted for, and of the Governors, and alſo the regulations concerning elections.

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The annual Court is to be held on the ſecond *Wedneſday* in *May*, for electing, by ballot, a Preſident, ſix Vice-Preſidents, a Treaſurer, a General Committee, the Reader, Preachers, the Secretary and Organiſt.

If the election is not completed on that day, the Court may be adjourned, and the election completed at any time within forty days after.

§ 4. *The Method of Election.*

The method of election is as follows: two Scrutineers are to be nominated and choſen by the majority of hands preſent, before the ballot ſhall begin; which is to be at one o'clock in the afternoon, and to continue till three o'clock; at which time the ballot ſhall be cloſed.

When any Governor offers to vote, his name is to be marked in a liſt of Governors by the Secretary; and he is to deliver the liſt of the names, of the perſons he votes for, to the perſon who preſides, who ſhall immediately put it into a proper glaſs.

The Preſident, ſix Vice-Preſidents, and the Treaſurer, and fifty-four others of the Governors are to be elected; who together are to be the General Committee for managing and tranſacting the affairs of the Hoſpital the Year enſuing, and till others ſhall be choſen in their room.

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In the election, every liſt containing the names of more than thirty-three perſons which were of the fifty-four who were ſo elected the preceding year, ſhall be totally rejected.

All diſputes concerning the election of this Committee ſhall be determined by the majority of the Governors preſent.

When the General Committee is choſen, the Reader, Preachers, Secretary and Organiſt alſo are to be choſen by ballot.

§ 5. *Quarterly Courts.*

The quarterly Courts are to be held on the firſt *Wedneſday* after *Lady-Day*, *Midſummer*, *Michaelmas* and *Chriſtmas-Days*.

At theſe four Courts and no other, leaſes may be executed, and by-laws made; which by-laws are not binding, till confirmed by the ſubſequent Court.

At the quarterly Court next after *Chriſtmas*, a Committee conſiſting of ſeven Governors, who are not of the General Committee, is to be appointed for auditing the accounts of this Corporation, according to the by-law for that purpoſe.

At the quarterly Court held next after *Lady-Day*, the report of the ſaid Committee is to be received; and, if then approved, is to be ſigned by thirteen Governors, and may be ordered to be printed.

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At any of theſe General Meetings, Governors and Guardians may be elected, who have been benefactors to the amount of 50l. or who have been recommended by the General Committee; in which recommendation the reaſon thereof ſhall always be ſtated; and the ſame ſhall be entered on the Minutes of the General Court.

Extraordinary Courts are to be called by the Preſident, at the requeſt of the General Committee, ſigned by their Secretary; or of any ſeven Governors, ſigned by them, according to the By-law for that purpoſe.

N. B. No variation, made by any General Court, as to any By-law, has effect until confirmed by a ſubſequent Court; and no By-law can be made, repealed, or altered by any General Court, unleſs Notice be given thereof fourteen days before ſuch General Court; and the ſame be expreſſed in the ſummons for ſuch General Court; and it be alſo notified, in the ſummonſes for the next General Court, that the making, repeal, or alteration of ſuch By-law remains for confirmation at ſuch next General Court.

§ 6. *General Committee.*

The General Committee, or any five or more of them, have power to manage and tranſact the affairs of this Corporation, according to ſuch rules and

directions as ſhall be made and eſtabliſhed from time to time by General Courts; but, for a readier diſpatch of buſineſs, may appoint Sub-Committees giving them ſuch power as they think proper.

In the General Committee all queſtions are to be determined by the majority; and that by ballot, when demanded.

The Chairman has a double or caſting, vote, when the votes are equal. This Committee elects the Matron and the inferior Officers and Servants, and removes them when they miſbehave; and makes all contracts and agreements, which they are to have regiſtered in a book: they chuſe the Inſpectors, and order the diſpoſition of children, from the time of their reception to that of their diſcharge; giving proper directions to the Inſpectors, and regulating the agreements with nurſes, maſters and miſtreſſes, or other perſons with whom they are or ſhall be placed; taking care that the children are properly inſpected, till they are totally diſcharged from the Hoſpital.

This Committee takes care that the cloathing of the Hoſpital be provided of the manufacture of *Great-Britain* or *Ireland*; that patterns of each ſort be kept by the Steward; that the goods be not paid for before they have been viewed by him, and found conformable to the patterns, and that the bills of parcels are ſigned by him. They

They are to take care that the books of the Hoſpital be regularly kept, and depoſited in the cloſet next the Secretary's Office; the ſame being liable to the inſpection of any Governor in the preſence of the Secretary, on a day's previous notice.

That debts and legacies be recovered when due; and for that purpoſe theyare to cauſe all legacies to be entered in a book, and to have a memorandum of all debts, gifts, and legacies unpaid, laid on the table by the Secretary at every Meeting.

They are to ſee that all demands on the Corporation are regularly diſcharged, and for that purpoſe they are to make draft on the Treaſurer, payable to the Steward, which drafts are to be ſigned by three of the General Committee, and entered in a book, to be ſigned by the ſame three Governors and by the Steward, to be a charge upon him.

They are to take care that all the revenues of the Hoſpital be regularly received and accounted for. That the buildings,&c. be kept in repair. That what Money is not wanted for the immediate ſervice of the Hoſpital be placed out in transferable Government Securities, in the name of this Corporation.

They are not to accept of private Securities; nor to purchaſe Lands, &c. without the leave of the General Court.

They are to make ſuch rules for the management of the Corporation, as they find neceſſary; and to cauſe them to inſerted in a book kept for that purpoſe.

They are to appoint monthly one of the Governors a viſitor of the Hoſpital, who is to make his weekly report to the General Committee.

To propoſe ſuch By-laws as they find proper to the General Court, and to conſider of all proper methods for promoting the charity; but are not to grant commiſſions to any perſon to collect charity, but by order of the General Court.

§ 7. *The Building Committee.*

The Building Committee is ſpecially appointed by the General Court, for conducting the plan of building on the Hoſpital Eſtate; and has intruſted to it the ſuperintendance of the Eſtate of the Hoſpital intended to be built upon. This Committee is empowered to let the ground ordered to be built upon, to ſuch perſons, and upon ſuch terms, as ſhall appear to them to be moſt advantageous to the Corporation; to ſell the gravel, and brick earth of the ſaid ground; to carry on at the expence of the Corporation ſuch ſewers, drains and roads for the uſe of the projected buildings

ings as may be neceſſary; ſtipulating with the reſpective tenants, for re-paying ſuch proportions thereof, as they may think reaſonable; to determine whether any, and what, proportions of the expence of railing and maintaining the two ſquares, and the pavements thereof, ſhall be borne by the Corporation. This Committee makes its reports to the General Court; ſuch reports being, from time to time, laid on the table of the General Committee, before preſented to ſuch General Court.

§ 8. Sub-Committees.

The Sub-committees are appointed by the General Committee, for the diſpatch of that buſineſs by a few, which ſo many perſons, as are neceſſary to conſtitute a General Committee, cannot have leiſure to attend. Theſe Committees are occaſionally wanted for accounts, repairs, by-laws and regulations, and employment of Children, or other purpoſes; and proper powers and inſtructions are given them at the time of their appointment.

The Preſident, Vice-preſidents and Treaſurer are of all Committees, without any particular appointment. Of the Houſe Committee, or Committee of Accounts, two form a Committee, and make and do all acts, which thoſe Committees are empowered to do.

§ 9. *The*

§ 9. *The* House Committee.

The Houſe Committee, of which all of the General Committee are Members, is to give orders for the management of the Houſe, of the cloathing, proviſion and furniture; to cauſe proper inventories to be taken, and accounts kept thereof. They have power to diſcharge Nurſes and Servants immediately, when neceſſary. They may receive propoſals for taking children apprentices, and petitions for admiſſion of children, and examine the caſes and report them to the General Committee.

They are to keep the General Regiſter; to order proper cloathing to be ſent to the Inſpectors, when wanted; and to acquaint the General Committee when remittances are wanted by the Inſpectors. They are to ſee that the accounts of cloathing and furniture, and the inventories thereof be duly kept.

That the Books and Papers of the Hoſpital be regularly kept in the places appointed for them; and that entries be regularly made.

That the Money collected at any public Meeting, be entered in the Book for that purpoſe, which is to be ſigned by them.

They are to inſpect every thing belonging to the Houſe as occaſion ſhall require; to keep a Minute-book of their orders and obſervations, and make reports thereof to the General Committee.

§ 10. *The*

§ 10. *The* COMMITTEE *of* ACCOUNTS.

The Committee of Accounts meets once a week, to audit the Accounts of the Steward and Inſpectors; to ſee the vouchers, to examine tradeſmens bills, and to make a liſt of them and deliver it to the General Committee, that an order may be made for their payment; they are to ſee all the Accounts of the Hoſpital regularly kept, and properly entered up by the Secretary in manner herein after directed; and every thing made up for the annual Committee of Accounts to audit.

N. B. The names of thoſe attending the Sub-Committees are to be marked by the Secretary; ſuch attendance being equally eſſential to the Hoſpital as the attendance on the General Committee.

§ 11. *Of the* TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

A Caſh Book ſhall be kept by the Treaſurer, to contain the whole of the ſums received and paid by him, on account of this Hoſpital.

§ 12. *Of* RECEIPTS.

Every contingent or other benefaction ſhall be entered in a General Caſh-book by the Secretary, with the benefactors names.

A petty Caſh-book ſhall be kept by the Steward of the annual benefactions; the total amount of which ſhall be entered into the general Caſh-book, and the particulars in another Book by the Secretary, in proper columns, to denote in what time the payment is made; each Banker of the Hoſpital being to deliver to the Treaſurer a Book, containing an account of his receipts and payments.

No payment is to be made by any of the Bankers except to the Treaſurer (or his order) who is to ſettle accounts with them quarterly, when entries are made of his receipts in the General Caſh-book, ſpecifying the particular benefactions; and no draft is to be paid by the Treaſurer, except by order of the General Committee.

The Money taken out of the charity boxes, or collected, is to be entered quarterly, or oftener, in the General Caſh Book.

All Sums received for intereſt of Parliamentary or other ſecurities, or ariſing by the ſale thereof, or by the rents of their eſtates, and all others received on account of the Hoſpital, are to be entered in the General Caſh-book as ſoon as received.

The Sums, received in the General Caſh-book, are to be entered by the Secretary in a Journal weekly, and from thence poſted in a Ledger, and placed to the credit of the following Heads:

Rents

Rents of Eſtate and Ground Rents.
Dividends and Intereſt Monies.
Annual Subſcriptions.
Receipts from the Chapel.
Money found in the Charity Boxes.
Produce of the Childrens Work.
Benefactions.
Legacies.
Incidental Receipts.

§ 13. *Of* Payments.

Entries are to be made in the General Caſh-book, of every Sum paid by the Treaſurer, Steward or other Perſon to be employed for that purpoſe, ſpecifying the head of account under which it is to be placed in the Journal and Ledger; into which Books the Sums in the Caſh-book are to be quarterly poſted.

The Steward for all Sums advanced to him.

Each Inſpector in the country for ditto.

Account of furniture, as to what is purchaſed, the particulars of which are to be entered in a ſeparate Book.

Amount of cloathing, the particulars whereof are alſo to be entered in a ſeparate book; and houſes, Parliamentary or other ſecurities under diſtinct heads.

The general account of Expences takes in the whole; and is debited quarterly for the total of the diſburſements made by the Steward; and he is to have credit given him for his diſburſements.

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The general account of Expences is to be debited to each reſpective Inſpector for his diſburſements, as often as accounts are ſtated with them.

§ 14. *Of the* ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.

The Ledger is annually balanced by the Secretary, to the 31ſt of *December*; and in order thereto, the contingent benefactions, annual benefactions, money found in the charity boxes, legacies, intereſt of ſecurities, rents of eſtates, or any other income, or revenue of this Hoſpital, is carried to an account, intitled, "An Account of the Income of "the Hoſpital, for the Maintenance "and Education of expoſed and deſert-"ed Young Children;" and the account of cloathing carried to the general account of Expences.

If the total income exceeds the general account of expences, ſuch ſurplus or exceſs is to be annually placed to the credit of an account to be intitled, "The Eſtate of the Hoſpital for the "Maintenance and Education of ex-"poſed and deſerted Young Children;" and *vice verſa*, if the general account of Expences exceed the income.

An account is drawn out annually by the Secretary of the income and expences of the Hoſpital, under the heads aforeſaid; and of the caſh, ſecurities, lands and effects, which conſtitute and make up the balance of the eſtate of the Hoſpital.

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The accounts are to be laid before the Governors at the Quarterly Meeting after *Lady-day*, and alſo at the Annual Meeting on the ſecond *Wedneſday* in *May*, being firſt audited by a ſpecial Committee, according to the By-law for that purpoſe.

§ 15. *Of The* TREASURER.

The Treaſurer is to receive all benefactions whatſoever; and all the revenues of the Corporation, except where it ſhall be otherwiſe ſpecially appointed.

He is, out of his balance in hand, to pay ſuch drafts as are made on him by the General Committee, and ſuch bills as they ſhall ſpecially order to be paid by him.

He is to account with the Corporation annually, and to preſide in the ſeveral Courts and Committees in the abſence of the Preſident and Vice-preſidents.

The Treaſurer ſhall enjoy the apartment in the Hoſpital appointed for him, free of rent, repairs and all taxes which the Hoſpital is liable to; and ſhall have ſo much of the produce of the garden, as he ſhall have occaſion for; and ſhall be intitled to ſuch drugs and medicines, as he and his family within the walls of this Hoſpital ſhall ſtand in need of, while an Apothecary ſhall be continued.

He

He ſhall enter into a bond with two ſecurities to be approved of by the General Committee of the Hoſpital, in the Sum of 2000l. on condition that he duly account for, pay and apply all ſuch Sums of Money or other effects as ſhall come into his hands as Treaſurer thereof.

§ 16. *Of the* PREACHER, READER, &c.

The Preacher and Reader are elected at the annual Court. The morning Preacher preaches a ſermon every *Sunday* morning, and on *Chriſtmas-day*, and *Good-Friday*; and aſſiſts at the adminiſtration of the Sacrament monthly, and at the ſaid feſtivals: and has 60 Guineas *per Annum* for the ſame.

The two evening Preachers preach alternately every *Sunday* evening, and have 30 Guineas each *per Annum* for the ſame.

The Reader has a ſalary of 60 Guinies *per Annum*; he is to read prayers in the chapel on *Sundays* at eleven o'clock in the morning and ſeven in the evening, and at ſuch other times as the Committee ſhall appoint; and to aſſiſt in the adminiſtration of the Sacrament; to baptize and bury the Children of the Hoſpital, and to ſign the certificates of baptizing and burials; he is to catechiſe the Children publickly, in the afternoons during the ſummer ſeaſon, and privately in the winter.

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He is to explain the Catechiſm publickly to the Children, for twelve *Sundays* ſucceſſively every year, beginning on the firſt *Sunday* in *May*; and diligently to inſtruct them in the principles of the Chriſtian Religion and Morality.

The Chapel Clerk has a ſalary of 5*l*. He and the Meſſenger, who officiates as Verger, are to have proper gowns provided for them.

There are five Aſſiſtants at the Chapel doors, who are allowed 2*l*. each *per Annum* for their attendance.

The Organiſt is to attend the Chapel on *Sundays*, and to teach the Children muſic. His ſalary is 40*l*. a year.

John Printer, who ſings in the Chapel, has alſo a ſalary of 40*l*. a year.

Blanch Thetford, who alſo ſings in the Chapel, likewiſe inſtructs the Children in ſinging. She has a ſalary of 25*l*. a year.

§ 17. *Of the* PHYSICIANS *and* SURGEON.

The two Phyſicians and Surgeon are elected by a General Court. They have no ſalaries, and attend without any emolument.

CHAP.

CHAPTER II.

§ 1. *Of the* OFFICERS *and* SERVANTS *of the Hoſpital in general.*

All Officers Nurſes, and Servants, who are received into this Hoſpital, are to be perſons of good characters, and unincumbered with families of their own; they are to be perſons profeſſing the proteſtant religion, and to take the oaths to the government, if required. They are diligently to attend to their reſpective buſineſs, and not to interrupt or interfere with that of the other ſervants.

They are to avoid all contention with their fellow-ſervants, and to behave with due reſpect to thoſe placed over them; if they find themſelves ill-treated or injured, they are to complain to the Treaſurer immediately, and alſo to the Viſitor at his next viſit; if neither the Treaſurer or Viſitor remedy the complaint themſelves, they will repreſent it to the next Committee, in order, if the complaint is juſt, it may be redreſſed; and, if not, the perſon who makes it may be reprimanded. For as on the one hand all well founded complaints will be redreſſed, ſo on the other they ſhould not be made without foundation; but at all events it is the duty of any who think themſelves injured, to prefer their complaints

complaints to the Treaſurer and the Viſitor, or to the Committee, and not to one another, or to particular Governors. When diſputes have been once enquired into by the Committee, the ſubject of them is not to be revived without freſh cauſe of complaint; and then the ſame courſe is to be purſued. And as all the Officers Nurſes and Servants, as well as the Children of the Hoſpital, are ſupported by the public, it is expected that each ſhall contribute as much as poſſible by their example, in their ſeveral ſtations, to the general harmony and proſperity of the Inſtitution; the end of which is Peace and Charity.

It is expected likewiſe that every one do their duty in their reſpective ſtations with fidelity and diligence, and with civility to all. If they ſee or hear, or know any thing amiſs, or prejudicial to the intereſts of the Hoſpital, they are to mention it to the Treaſurer and the Viſitor, or to the Committee, and then to meddle no farther therein. They are all of them to promote the intereſts of the Charity; and the health, induſtry and welfare of the children to the utmoſt of their power; and, though the above circumſtances are particularly pointed out to them, they are to pay every proper attention to all other parts of their duty.

They are not to be waſteful of the proviſion of the Hoſpital, nor of any thing committed to their charge.

They

They are not to game, or drink ſpirituous liquors, or have any ſuch in their cuſtody; nor to aſk, or take, any fee, or reward, on any pretence whatſoever, but only what is allowed them by the Committee, under pain of being immediately diſcharged.

When they are ſick, they are to be taken care of in the Infirmary, or otherwiſe, as the Committee ſhall direct.

Every perſon applying to be a ſervant in the Hoſpital is to be acquainted, that ſervants are only to be paid wages to the reſpective days of their diſcharge; that they may be diſcharged without any previous notice; and are not to have any certificate or written character, when diſcharged; and care is to be taken, at the time of hiring the common ſervants, that they have a good character, are in health, have had the ſmall-pox, and do not exceed the age of forty years.

No ſervant is to be taken into the houſe without a certificate, or an affidavit of the place of ſuch ſervant's legal ſettlement.

No ſervant, who may appear to be in debt, ſhall be hired or continued in the ſervice of the Hoſpital.

No ſervant's wages are to be raiſed or advanced, without an order of the General Committee.

The entry of the hiring and diſcharging of all ſervants is to be made in a book kept for that purpoſe, and the ſaid book to be laid every *Wedneſday* before the General Committee. No

No ſervant, or other perſon reſiding in the Hoſpital, ſhall ſtay out later than nine o'clock at night in the winter, and ten o'clock in the ſummer, without leave of the Treaſurer.

In caſe of any extraordinary want of any ſervant in the Houſe, or of any very extraordinary miſbehaviour in any ſervants, whenever the Treaſurer is in town, he is to be made acquainted with ſuch want or miſbehaviour, and his directions are to be followed in ſuch caſes; and whenever the Treaſurer is out of town, then the Steward and Chief-matron are empowered to take in, or diſcharge any inferior ſervant, in ſuch very extraordinary caſe; and report ſuch tranſaction to the next General or Sub-Committee.

§ 2. *The* OFFICERS *and* SERVANTS *Salaries.*

The preſent Salaries of the ſeveral Officers and Servants of the Houſe are as follows:

	£.	s.	d.
The Secretary and Steward	60	0	0
The Apothecary - -	50	0	0
The Matron - -	42	0	0
The Schoolmaſter - -	30	0	0
The Treaſurer's Clerk -	20	0	0
The Meſſenger and Store-keeper - -	25	0	0
Three Miſtreſſes for the Girls at 10£. each -	30	0	0

	£.	s.	d.
One Miſtreſs for the Boys	10	0	0
The Girls Teacher -	6	0	0
Two Nurſes in the Infirmary at 7£. each - -	14	0	0
One Nurſe in the Ideot Ward	8	0	0
Three Boys Nurſes at 6£. each - - -	18	0	0
One Girls Nurſe - -	6	0	0
Two others at £5. each	10	0	0
Matron's Maid - -	6	0	0
Cook - - -	10	0	0
Laundreſs - -	10	10	0
Under Laundreſs - -	8	8	0
Kitchen Maid - -	7	0	0
Houſe Maid - -	6	0	0
Four Girls of the Hoſpital employed as Aſſiſtants in the Laundry and allowed for Cloaths £3. 3s. each	12	12	0
Six Ditto employed as Aſſiſtants in the Houſe allowed for Cloaths 3£. each - -	18	0	0
Gardener - - -	21	0	0
Under Gardener - -	15	0	0
Porter - - -	12	0	0
Two Watchmen at 1s. a Night in the Summer and 1s. 2d. a Night in the Winter - -	39	5	10

N. B. The duties of the Officers and Servants in general, and the particular duty of each individual, are to be printed; and copies, ſo far as refers to each

each Officer and Servant, given them on the days of the annual Court, and on the days of each of the quarterly Courts.

§ 3. *Of the* SECRETARY *and* STEWARD.

The Secretary (who is alſo the Steward) is to have the cuſtody of, and regularly keep all the Books hereinafter mentioned; to attend the General Meetings, Committees, and Sub-Committees; to take minutes at ſuch Meetings, which he is to read over as ſoon as the buſineſs is ended, and to enter them before the next Meeting, when he is to read them out of the Book previous to any other buſineſs; and if they are approved, the Book is to be ſigned by the Chairman. He is to write letters, and keep ſuch correſpondence, as he is directed by the General Committees or Sub-Committees; to make out, and ſend by the Meſſenger all ſummonſes or letters to the Governors, or other perſons, according to the orders he ſhall receive for that purpoſe, or as is herein, or in the By-laws is directed.

The Books to be kept by him are,

1. An Agenda Book.
2. A foul and fair Minute Book of the General Court.
3. A ditto of the General Committee, and others for each of the other Committees.
4. A Copy Book of Letters.
5. A Regiſter Book of all Benefactions.

6. A Book, in which is to be entered all Wills, or parts of Wills, giving any thing to the Hoſpital.
7. A Book containing the Abſtract of the Titles of Lands, or real Eſtates, given to, or purchaſed by the Hoſpital, and of all the Leaſes and Deeds made to or by the Corporation.
8. A Book, in which the By-laws and Regulations, made from time to time for the Government of the Hoſpital, ſhall be entered.

And the ſeveral Books before mentioned and directed, in the regulation of the accounts of the Hoſpital.

The Steward is to be of unblemiſhed character, diligent, ſober, and a good accomptant.

He is to give ſuch ſecurity as the General Committee ſhall require.

He is to confine himſelf entirely to the buſineſs of the Hoſpital, and never to be abſent from it without leave of the General Committee, Preſident, Vice-preſident or Treaſurer, or two of the Governors who attended at the laſt Meeting.

He is to have the immediate government of the men Servants belonging to the Hoſpital; to have the care of providing utenſils, proviſions, and other neceſſaries, according to the direction of the General Committee, or other Committees appointed for that purpoſe.

He

He is to take care that the dead children be decently buried, and that their deaths be regularly atteſted by the Committee.

He is not to receive any goods into the Hoſpital, but by ſuch authority, nor pay for any goods, but by order of ſuch Committee.

He is to order the ſtationary ware, and keep the account with the ſtationer.

He is, under the order of the Committee, to pay the Servants wages when due, and the current expences of the Houſe and all other bills; and to keep a particular account thereof; to take receipts for all ſums exceeding ten ſhillings, in a Book for that purpoſe.

To keep a ſeparate inventory of the furniture and utenſils of the Hoſpital; and to make the neceſſary additions and alterations therein.

He is, ſubject to the direction of the General Committee, to receive the rents, ſubſcriptions, benefactions not exceeding 100*l.* the collections of the chapel, and the produce of the childrens work.

To cauſe tables to be fixed up in the reſpective eating-rooms, containing the order for the diet to be provided for the Children and Servants.

He is to take care of the Houſes and Lands of the Hoſpital; to obſerve what repairs are wanting, and to acquaint the Treaſurer therewith, that proper orders may be given for ſuch repairs.

§ 4.

§ 4. *Of the* APOTHECARY.

The Apothecary is to be reſident in the Houſe and to be in regular attendance.

If any of the Nurſes or Attendants of the Infirmary neglect their duty, he is to acquaint the Committee therewith.

He is to examine the Children when received, and in caſe they appear to have an infectious diſorder, he is immediately to acquaint the Secretary therewith.

He is to enter in a Book all medicines given to each Child in the Infirmary, and the occaſion thereof. On the death of any Child, if it be thought neceſſary by the Phyſicians or Surgeon, it may be opened; and in ſuch caſe, the obſervations ariſing thereon, are to be entered by the Apothecary in the ſame Book.

He is to give ſecurity in the Sum of 200*l*.

§ 5. *Of the* TREASURER'S CLERK.

The Treaſurer's Clerk is to be a good accomptant; he is to give ſuch ſecurity for the faithful diſcharge of his truſt, as the Committee ſhall require; he is to reſide in the Houſe, and to make out and deliver to the Treaſurer quarterly rentals of the Eſtate of the Hoſpital

pital, together with an account of all arrears of rent and ſubſcriptions.

He is to keep ſuch Books and to make out ſuch accounts, as ſhall be directed by the General Committee, the Preſident, Vice-preſidents or Treaſurer, or by proper Committees of the Hoſpital.

He is to be aſſiſtant to the Secretary and Steward, and to officiate in the caſe of his abſence or diſability.

He is removeable by the General Committee at their pleaſure.

§ 6. *Of the* MASTER *or* OVERSEER *of the* BOYS.

He is to be a perſon of unblemiſhed character, and not too far advanced in years, and to be unincumbered with a family; he is to reſide conſtantly in the Hoſpital; to obſerve ſtrictly the behaviour of the Children, as well at their hours of play and at meals, as at the time of their labour and learning; he is to be conſtant at divine ſervice, and to take care that the Children under his care attend decently and reverently there; to read ſuch prayers in the ſchool on week days, morning and evening, to the Children, as ſhall be ordered by the Committee; and to teach the boys to read, and ſuch of them to write, as ſhall be ordered by the Committee; he ſhall ſee that the perſons, employed to inſtruct the boys in any labour or manufactory, perform their duty with proper decency and ſobriety;

and

and that the Children are induſtrious in ſuch employments; and he is to puniſh all neglects of duty, immorality, or miſbehaviour in the Children; and he is to give immediate information to the Committee, if he obſerves any profaneneſs or immorality, miſbehaviour or neglect of duty, in any Officer or Servant belonging to the Hoſpital; that no evil examples may corrupt the morals of the Children.

He is to take care that the boys have their meals at the hours and in the places appointed for that purpoſe.

§ 7. *Of the* PORTER *and* WATCH.

The Porter is to reſide in the Hoſpital; to attend the gate from ſix in the morning till eight at night from *Lady-day* to *Michaelmas*; and from eight in the morning till ſix at night from *Michaelmas* to *Lady-day*; to keep the gate ſhut; and not to ſuffer any of the children to go out, or beggars or idle perſons to remain about the Hoſpital. He is to admit Gentlemen and Ladies into the Hoſpital at all reaſonable hours, except when particular orders are given to the contrary by the Governors; but is not to admit idle, looſe, or diſorderly perſons into the Hoſpital, on any account whatſoever.

And, that he may be better enabled to perform this part of his duty, and to ſuppreſs all riots and diſorders, he is ſworn into the office of conſtable.

He

He is to have charge over the Watch; to ſee they come and attend at the proper hours, as appointed; that they are careful and ſober in the diſcharge of their duty, and to aſſiſt them as occaſion requires.

He is to have a proper gown, and ſtaves provided for him.

The Watchmen are to attend the Hoſpital from ſix in the evening to eight in the morning from *Michaelmas* to *Lady-day*; and from *Lady-day* to *Michaelmas*, from eight in the evening till ſix in the morning.

The Watchmen are alſo to be ſworn in conſtables.

The Porter and Watchmen are to take care that no moleſtation be given by any perſons without doors, to any perſons who bring children, either coming to or returning from the Hoſpital, and are to ſeize any perſons ſo offending, and carry them before a juſtice of peace, that they may be puniſhed according to act of Parliament.

§ 8. *Of the* GARDENER.

The Gardener has the care of the garden and front court of the Hoſpital: He is to keep the kitchen garden conſtantly cropped for the uſe of the Hoſpital.

He is occaſionally to give any aſſiſtance about the Houſe as he may be directed.

He

He has an Under-gardener and ſix boys, or more if occaſion requires, to work under him; and alſo an aſſiſtant labourer two months in the ſpring.

§ 9. *Of the* MESSENGER, *who is alſo* STOREKEEPER.

He is to reſide in the Hoſpital.

To give 200*l.* ſecurity for his fidelity; to attend as door-keeper at all Meetings of the Governors in the General Courts or Committees; to attend the chapel as verger, to open the pews in times of divine ſervice; to aſſiſt at the reception of children, and ſuch other times, and on ſuch occaſions, as he ſhall be ordered by the Governors.

He is to deliver all ſummonſes, to go on meſſages, and to carry ſuch things as the Governors, or the Treaſurer, or Secretary ſhall direct.

As Store-keeper, he is to have the care of the bread, butter, cheeſe and beer, and of the coals in the weſtern wing; and to take care of and deliver out the ſame under the directions of the General and the Houſe Committee.

§ 10. *Of The* MATRON.

No perſon can be elected to this office, whoſe age ſhall exceed fifty years.

She reſides in the Houſe, and has the immediate care of and ſuperintendency over the miſtreſſes who are employed in teaching

teaching the Children to work; alſo of the Children who reſide in the Hoſpital and their Nurſes; and alſo of the Nurſes of the Infirmary, and of all the female houſehold Servants.

She is to ſee that proper food be provided for the Children, Officers and Servants of the Hoſpital according to the table of diet, and under the direction of the General Committee.

She has the care and cuſtody of all the linen, wearing-apparel, bedding and furniture of the Hoſpital; likewiſe of all things neceſſary for the female Servants; and is to deliver the ſame reſpectively as occaſion requires.

She is to render an account of the linen and cloathing of the Hoſpital, according to the regulations for that purpoſe.

She is to attend carefully to the behaviour of every Nurſe and Servant under her care, and not to permit them to go out of the Houſe without leave firſt granted to them; nor to receive viſits but on reaſonable occaſions, and under the directions of the Matron.

She is to give information to the Treaſurer, or Committee of all ſuch diſorders as ſhe by her authority cannot regulate.

The Matron is to keep a Book, containing an inventory of the houſehold linen in uſe at the Hoſpital, and of the cloathing of the Children of the Houſe.

N. B.

N. B. The pieces of linen, woollen or other materials uſed about cloathing are delivered to the Matron.

She is alſo to keep in the ſaid Book a general account of linen, woollen and cloathing, wherein is opened an account of all ſuch linen, woollen, or other materials; charging herſelf with the quantity of the ſame by the meaſure or weight on one page of the book, and, on the oppoſite page, noting the quantity of the different ſorts of cloathing made out of the ſeveral materials, with the number of yards uſed or the weight of ſuch materials.

She is to make out an annual account of all the work done by the Children and their Miſtreſſes up to the 31ſt of *December* in every year; diſtinguiſhing thoſe for ſale from the work done for the Children, or for the uſe of the Hoſpital; which account ſhall be laid before the General Committee, and by them be reported to the *Lady-day* Court.

N. B. All cut, out or made up cloathing, is kept by the Matron in its proper place, each aſſortment by itſelf, the ſame being made up into dozens or other equal numbers in a regular manner.

All the bundles of the dead Childrens cloathing are returned by the Inſpectors.

Note.

Note. The Matron iſſues ſuch returned cloaths as are fit for uſe to the country Nurſes, but ſuch as are much worn are uſed in the Infirmary of the Hoſpital.

§ 11. *Of the* Cook.

The Cook is anſwerable for the care of the proviſions committed to her cuſtody, and for the cleanlineſs of the kitchen and apartments thereunto belonging.

§ 12. *Of the* Laundress.

The Laundreſs is to account for the linen given out to her, and to help to waſh with her proper aſſiſtants.

§ 13. *Of the* House Maids.

The Houſe Maids are to do all the houſehold buſineſs.

All the female Servants and Nurſes are to be under the direction of the Matron, and to obey her commands without any diſpute.

§ 14. *Of the* Nurses *of the* Wards.

The Hoſpital is divided into Wards, each Ward to be under the care of a Nurſe, who is to take care that it be kept exactly clean and well aired; the windows

windows in the ſtair-caſe and in the wards, except the ſick-wards, being to be opened at ſeven in the morning, between *Lady-day* and *Michaelmas*, and at eight in the morning the other ſix months.

No Nurſe is to be taken into the ſervice of the Hoſpital, who has any Child of her own, or who is above the age of forty years; or who has not had the ſmall-pox.

They are to keep the Children neat and clean; to ſee them dreſſed and undreſſed; to take care they riſe and go to bed at the proper hours; to attend them at their meal-times, and at chapel to take care they behave decently and reverently there; and to aſſiſt in mending their cloaths, teaching them their prayers and catechiſm, and to read, ſo far as they are able.

They are to be accountable for the linen and cloaths, of the Children of their reſpective wards, delivered to them.

In caſe of any Child being drooping or ill, the Nurſes are immediately to inform the Apothecary.

They are to give the Children the medicines which they receive from the Apothecary or Matron, and no other.

If any Nurſe give any ſtrong liquor or opiate to any Child, or ſhall have ſuch in her cuſtody, ſhe ſhall be immediately diſcharged, and for ever be incapable of ſerving the Hoſpital.

§ 15. *Of the* MISTRESSES.

For the government of the girls who are above ſix years old, Miſtreſſes are provided

provided one for each ward, who are to teach the girls, under their care, to work, knit, ſpin, or ſuch other works as are proper for their age; and alſo to read and to write when required.

They are to teach them their prayers and catechiſm, and to inſtruct them in the duties of religion and morality: to take care they are diligent and induſtrious, and that they behave with decency and modeſty; alſo that they behave with due reverence at the times of divine ſervice.

That the Childrens perſons, cloathing, and wards, be kept neat and clean; and that due care is taken of their cloathing and of the furniture of their wards.

Each Miſtreſs has an aſſiſtant.

§ 16. *Of the Care of the* Sick.

For the Sick, an Infirmary is prepared in the upper part of the weſt wing of the Hoſpital.

There are two Phyſicians, one Surgeon, an Apothecary, and Nurſes appointed to attend it. Near the Infirmary an Apothecary's ſhop is fitted up, provided with proper drugs, neceſſaries and medicines, which are purchaſed at Apothecary's Hall.

There is alſo accommodation for the inoculation of the ſmall-pox, for other infectious diſtempers, and for other patients. The Nurſes attending each are kept

kept ſeparate, to prevent the communication of any infection; and the Childrens cloaths who have had the ſmall-pox, or other infectious diſtempers, are carefully to be aired, cleaned, and ſmoaked with brimſtone, before they are again uſed.

No two ſick Children are to be put in one bed.

The Apothecary makes and keeps weekly liſts of the ſick children; copies of which entered in a Book are always laid before the Committees.

The Phyſicians are deſired to viſit the Infirmary alternately; ſo that one Phyſician may attend every day; and the Surgeon is deſired to attend at the ſame hour with the Phyſician when requiſite.

No limb is to be taken off, without giving notice to all the Phyſicians, and the Surgeon, to attend.

§ 17. *Of the* NURSES *of the* INFIRMARY.

The Infirmary Nurſes are to give the Children ſuch diet and medicines as are ordered by the Apothecary, and no other on pain of being immediately diſcharged.

If there ſhall be no ſick under their care, they are to aſſiſt in the making and mending of linen, or ſuch other houſehold ſervice as the Matron ſhall direct.

They are to have an allowance of 20*s.* yearly each, more than the wages of the Houſe Nurſes.

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CHAPTER III.

§ 1. *Of the Reception of the* CHILDREN.

Children are admitted into the Hoſpital upon petition. Upon the hearing of the petition, the mother is examined, and an enquiry directed to be made into the truth of the particular circumſtances ſtated in the petition; and at an enſuing General Committee, which ſits every *Wedneſday* at ten o'clock, the petition is decided upon according to the reſult of that or any further enquiry, that may be thought neceſſary.

The age limited for Children in general is 12 Months, after which they cannot be received, unleſs they are the Children of ſoldiers and ſailors in the ſervice of their country, the time for whoſe reception is extended to 5 years of age; or in caſe of any peculiar circumſtances of diſtreſs, which the General Committee thinks fit ſpecially to report to the General Court; in which caſe the age is not limited.

Any Child ſent to the Hoſpital, with a donation of 100l. is of courſe received, though beyond the limited age, and without enquiry; as it is calculated to be the average expence of each Child admitted into the Hoſpital.

The Billet for admittance of a Child is given any day of the month, but the time of admittance is the day before the firſt *Sunday* in the month, being the *Sunday* on which the public baptiſm takes place. If the mother is in diſtreſs, it is diſcretionary in the General Committee to make her ſome weekly allowance till the day of admittance.

§ 2. *Of the numbering the* CHILDREN *and making up the Billets.*

Before the Children are ſent into the country, they are to be numbered and regiſtered, and their Billets are to be made up in the following manner:

The Secretary, immediately after the reception of each Child, is to affix the number; which is to be done by writing the number of the Child on a bit of parchment, and ſewing it to its clothes.

The numbers of the children are to follow one another in ſucceſſion; great care is to be taken that the number always remains fixed to the Child during its continuance at nurſe.

The Secretary as ſoon as the Child is numbered, is to make up a billet, which is to contain the number, ſex, and ſuppoſed age of the Child, the year and day when received, and any particular writing, or token, brought with the Child.

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Any remarkable token, or writing, brought with the Child, is to be marked with the number of the Child, and incloſed in its billet.

The billet is to be marked on the outſide with the number of the Child, the day of the month and year, when it was received, and alſo with the letter M or F, to diſtinguiſh its ſex.

All the billets of the Children. received in one day, are to be tied together in one parcel, to which is to be affixed a label, ſhewing the day and year; and from what number to what number, incluſive, is contained therein.

Theſe billets, being the only means which can enable the Governors to know the Children, in caſe they ſhould be enquired for, are to be kept with great ſecrecy and care, and are never to be opened but by order of the General Committee.

§ 3. *Of the Baptiſm and Regiſter of the* CHILDREN.

Such Children as have not been baptiſed, are to be baptiſed on the firſt *Sunday* of the month, by the Reader, and an entry thereof, and of the day and year, name and ſurname of each Child, and ſigned by the Miniſter who baptizes the ſame, is to be made in the regiſter of baptiſm.

The names of the Children are to be entered in the general regiſter, in the

proper column after their reſpective numbers; and after their names a proper memorandum, if they are ſent to nurſe, of the time of delivering them to their nurſes, which is uſually immediately after their reception, and the nurſes wages commence from that time.

The numbers and names of the Children are alſo to be written in the ſmall memorandum-book; and, after the names of thoſe who are to go into the country, is to be written the name of the places to which they are ſent.

§ 4. *The Delivery of the* CHILDREN *to the Inſpectors.*

In the evening, after baptiſm of the Children, entries are to be made in the Inſpectors book, under the name of each Inſpector, of the time of the delivery of the Children ſent to them, and of the names and numbers of the Children.

Then the Secretary or Matron is to cauſe every country-nurſe to ſign a printed receipt, according to the form uſed by the Hoſpital, which contains the name and number of the Child, the price at which ſhe agrees to nurſe it, and under whoſe inſpection; a receipt for the Child, and cloathing delivered with it, and a contract to return the ſame cloathing, or to have the value thereof, according to the rates therein mentioned,

mentioned, deducted out of her wages. The receipt ſo ſigned, is to be ſent ſealed up to the Inſpector.

§ 5. *Of the Inſpectors.*

The Inſpectors are to be perſons recommended by Governors, who are acquainted with them and their character and circumſtances, and inform the General Committee, in writing, that in their opinion they may be ſafely truſted with the care of the Children, and the money advanced for their maintenance; and that they will from time to time correſpond, and duly account with the Corporation, in the manner appointed; and that they will diſcharge this truſt out of charity, without any gain or advantage to themſelves.

The Inſpectors are to find proper nurſes, when wanted, to make agreements with them, and ſend them to the Hoſpital at the times appointed.

They are to view the Children as ſoon as they are brought from the Hoſpital, and to viſit them frequently, ſo long as they remain under their inſpection.

They are to receive the nurſes receipts, to take care they perform their agreements, and account for the Childrens cloathing; to pay them their wages monthly, and to make them ſign the receipts on the back of the printed receipt; and in caſe of any extraordinary expences, or the death of the Child,

Child, they are to enter the ſame on the back of the printed receipt, together with a certificate of the time and place of the burial of the Child.

They are to return their receipts annually to the Hoſpital; and, at the beginning of the next year, are to cauſe the nurſes to ſign new receipts for the new cloathing delivered to them, and to ſend duplicates thereof to the Hoſpital.

For this purpoſe they are to have blank receipts ſent them by the Steward, to be filled up by them.

They are to have a Quarter's wages for each nurſe advanced to them on account, for the account of which they are to draw on the Secretary at eight days ſight;—the pay of the country nurſes being three ſhillings a week.

They are alſo annually to make up their accounts to *Chriſtmas-day*, and to return the ſame to the Hoſpital within a month after that day. In theſe accounts, they are to give the Hoſpital credit for all ſums paid to them by the Hoſpital, and to make the Hoſpital debtor for all ſums paid by them on account of the Hoſpital.

They are to ſee that the nurſes keep the Children clean, and in good order; to take care of the ſick Children, and give orders for the burial of the dead, and that the burial is properly regiſtered.

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They have power to remove the Children from any nurſes who are careleſs of them, and to put them to other nurſes, giving immediate notice of ſuch change to the Steward of the Hoſpital; obſerving that no woman who has loſt two Children of this Hoſpital, ſhall have anotherChild intruſted to her care, without an expreſs order of the General Committee.

They are alſo to give immediate notice to the Secretary of the Hoſpital, of any remarkable ſickneſs, or accident, happening to any Child; or of their death, and place of burial.

They are to be particularly cautious of allowing the nurſes any expences, beſide their wages, unleſs by order of the General Committee; and not to ſuffer any alteration in the faſhion of the cloathing allowed by the Hoſpital.

The Inſpectors are to take care, that the old cloathing be returned to the Hoſpital, as ſoon as new cloathing is ſent them, which ought to be annually only.

Among other things, the Inſpectors are to obſerve, that the numbers faſtened to the Children be preſerved as an evidence, that the Children are not changed; and they are deſired to take care, that no Child be permitted to wear ſhoes or ſtockings till they are ſeven or eight months old.

Every Inſpector is deſired to have an aſſiſtant, that in caſe of any accident, or abſence

abſence or death of the Inſpector, the Hoſpital may have notice thereof, and the Children may not be neglected.

The names of the perſons recommending Inſpectors, are to be ſet down at the ſame time as the name of the Inſpector; and no perſon, who keeps a chandler's ſhop, or is of other mean occupation, ſhall be an Inſpector.

§ 6. *Of Remanding of the* CHILDREN; *and their Management, when returned to the Hoſpital.*

Children in general are not to be remanded to the Hoſpital, till they have attained the age of four or five years.

When they are remanded by order of the General Committee, they are to be returned by the Inſpectors of the Hoſpital, together with all the cloathing belonging to them. And the Steward is to give the Inſpectors receipts for the ſame: Such Children as have not had the ſmall-pox before remanded, are to be inoculated, as ſoon as they are fit, and the General Committee gives direction for the ſame.

The returned Children are to be cloathed in a manner proper for labour, and differing from that of the Children at nurſe. They are to be entered in a book.

book. The nurſes of the ward are to have the care of their cloathing, to ſee they keep themſelves cleanly, and to teach them to read at the times to be appointed for that purpoſe; to ſee they riſe at five o'clock in ſummer, and ſeven in the winter, and that they are out of the ward, in a quarter of an hour after theſe times. In an hour after the time of riſing, the nurſes of the ward, with the aſſiſtance of the girls of the Hoſpital, are to ſee the beds made, the rooms cleaned and aired, and every thing in order.

At half an hour after ſix in the ſummer, and half an hour after ſeven in the winter, the boys are to be called over by the Maſter.

At half paſt ſeven in ſummer, and at eight in winter, they are to breakfaſt; and to have an hour allowed them for that purpoſe.

The reſt of the morning, till twelve, is to be ſpent in their labour, or at ſchool.

From twelve to two is allowed for dinner, diverſion, and reſt; at two, they are to return to their work, or to ſchool, till five in the ſummer, and till it is dark in the winter.

From that time till ſupper, part of the time is to be employed in learning to read; the reſt, the Children may play in the open air, or in the ſchool-rooms.

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No boy is to be ſuffered to go out of the Hoſpital gate on errands, without ſpecial permiſſion of the Committee.

Six o'clock in the evening is to be the hour of ſupper, and at ſeven at night they are to go to bed.

On *Sundays*, and other days appointed for public worſhip, they are to be inſtructed in the principles of religion and morality, to attend at chapel, to be taught the catechiſm uſed by the church of *England*, or heard to read ſuch parts of the holy ſcripture as are moſt ſuitable to their underſtanding.

On *Saturdays* in the afternoon, and on the afternoon of ſome public holidays, they may be allowed to divert themſelves with ſuch exerciſes, as will increaſe their ſtrength, activity and hardineſs; but are never to be allowed to play at games of chance.

The girls are to be kept in wards, entirely ſeparate from the boys, to be dreſſed plain and neat, to riſe at the ſame hours with the boys, to clean the houſe, make the beds, and do the houſhold buſineſs till the hour of breakfaſt; after that to be employed in making linen or cloaths, or ſuch other labour, as is ſuitable to their age and ſtrength, or in ſome uſeful manufactory.

They are always to be apart from the boys, and to be attended by the Miſtreſſes of their wards.

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The diet of the Children of the Hoſpital is to be plain and good of the ſort, and to be according to the table of diet from time to time, to be fixed by the General Court or General Committee.

The body linen of the Children is to be changed twice a week, and they are to have clean ſheets once a month.

Strong drink, tea, coffee, and tobacco, are never to be permitted to be uſed by any Child in the Hoſpital.

§ 7. *The Methods of placing them out to proper Employments.*

The Children are to be put out as ſoon as poſſible to the buſineſs, for which they are appointed, which is to be done by indenture between the Hoſpital and the Maſter or Miſtreſs who is to take the Child, which indenture is to contain proper covenants to ſecure the Child's maintenance and good uſage, during the time of its ſervice, and to ſpecify the place where, or ſhip's name on board which, the Child is to ſerve; theſe agreements are to be made by the Houſe Committee, and approved of by the General Committee, and both ſealed with the ſeal of the Hoſpital, and executed by the Maſter.

There is given to each Child a bible, common prayer book, and printed inſtructions, and a copy of the prayers uſed by them in the Hoſpital; and another copy of the prayers is alſo delivered at the

the ſame time to the Maſter or Miſtreſs of the Child, with the preamble as follows:

" As it is of the greateſt moment to " breed up Children in the fear of God, " as the beſt means of keeping them in " proper ſubjection to their Maſters, " Miſtreſſes, and ſuperiors; and as praying is the moſt effectual means to promote ſuch fear, and to enforce obedience to the laws of God, you are hereby informed that it is expected of you " to take care that this Child " aged ſays prayers conſtantly every morning as well as evening; and you are to endeavour to " give a due ſenſe what is " about, and to this end you muſt be " careful that repeat " prayers in a ſlow, ſerious and ſolemn " manner. And you are further to take " care that this Child do frequent the " publick worſhip on the ſabbath day, " in a ſober, pious and orderly manner."

No Child's parent is to be informed where a Child is apprenticed without the order of the Committee, made after the Maſter and Miſtreſs have been previouſly conſulted.

The Governors and Inſpectors will, by enquiry, find in what inland place *Boys* are wanting for huſbandry, and inform the Committee thereof; and the *Girls* are to be placed out, as houſhold ſervants, or put out for a term of years, to

to be employed in the linen or other manufactory as ſoon as poſſible, but not without due enquiry after the characters of the perſons who take them.

In caſe of any of the Girls from neceſſity being returned into the Hoſpital from any places where they may be apprenticed, they are to be employed in the laundry or the kitchen, or in other houſe-work of the Hoſpital, till otherwiſe diſpoſed of, and not permitted to intermix with the other Girls.

No Child is to be placed out except upon indentures of apprenticeſhip.

All perſons deſirous of taking an apprentice out of the Hoſpital, are to ſet forth to the Committee,

Their name, trade, buſineſs and place of abode.

If houſe-keepers and of the proteſtant religion.

If married, and whether they let lodgings, and of whom enquiry may be made as to character, &c.

And a printed form of application for thoſe purpoſes is kept in the Secretary's office in the Hoſpital, for ſuch perſons as apply, in order that it may be filled up accordingly.

In caſe it is deſired that an apprentice may be turned over to a new place, a ſimilar enquiry is firſt made as to the Maſter and Miſtreſs, and if the reſult of the enquiry is ſatisfactory, new indentures are executed, the old ones being firſt cancelled.

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If a married man comes, without his wife, to the Hoſpital for a Girl as an apprentice, it is required that he bring or ſend his wife, in order that the Committee may be ſatisfied that the Girl is agreeable to both parties.

No Girl of the Hoſpital is to be apprenticed to a man who is unmarried.

The Children of the Hoſpital are apprenticed to Proteſtants only.

They may be apprenticed, though it is not uſual, for leſſer periods of time than till the age of 21 years.

§ 8. *Of the Diſcharge of the* CHILDREN *from the Hoſpital.*

The Children are only to be diſcharged in manner hereafter mentioned; when they have attained the age appointed by act of parliament, or when the Girls are married, or when claimed by their parents.

When any perſons ſhall claim a Child, they are to leave a petition with the Secretary, directed to the Governors; the Secretary is to deliver it to the General Committee, who enquire what right they have to the Child, what are their circumſtances, whether they are able and willing to provide for the Child, and can give ſecurity for that purpoſe, with two perſons in at leaſt the ſum of 40l. and if the circumſtances are ſatisfactory, the General Committee may, upon ſuch ſecurity,

ſecurity, order the Child to be delivered to the parent, or other perſon.

If the Child is refuſed, the reaſons of the refuſal are to be entered in a book kept for that purpoſe.

When any perſons are diſcharged, for having attained the age of 21 years, or when any of the Girls ſhall be married with the conſent of the Committee, the General Committee, at their diſcretion, in caſe ſuch perſons ſhall have behaved meritoriouſly, may give them cloaths, money, or neceſſaries, not exceeding the value of five pounds. But as it is to be hoped, that the males and females will be able at thoſe years, to get an honeſt livelihood by their induſtry, this charity muſt be cautiouſly, and rarely, practiſed.

The diſcharge of each Child is to be entered in the general regiſter.

Note, That ſeveral perſons have deviſed lands, annuities, and other intereſts, chargeable on lands, whoſe charitable intentions have been of no benefit to the Hoſpital, ſuch deviſes being void by the ſtat. 9 *George* II. cap. 36, which enacts, that " No manors, lands, " tenements, rents, advowſons, or other " hereditaments, corporeal or incorpo- " real, whatſoever; nor any ſum of mo- " ney, goods, chattels, ſtocks in pub- " lic funds, ſecurities for money, or any

" other

" other perſonal eſtate whatſoever, *to*
" *be laid out or diſpoſed of, in the purchaſe*
" *of any lands, tenements, or heredita-*
" *ments*, ſhall be given, granted, aliened,
" limited, releaſed, transferred, aſſign-
" ed, or appointed, or any ways con-
" veyed or ſettled to or upon any per-
" ſon or perſons, bodies politic or cor-
" porate, or otherwiſe, for any eſtate or
" intereſt whatſoever, or any ways
" charged or incumbered by any perſon
" whatſoever, in truſt, or for the benefit
" of any charitable uſes whatſoever, un-
" leſs ſuch gift, conveyance, appoint-
" ment or ſettlement of ſuch lands, te-
" nements, hereditaments, ſum or ſums
" of money, or perſonal eſtates (other
" than ſtocks in the public funds) be
" made by deed, indented, ſealed, and
" delivered, in the preſence of two or
" more credible witneſſes, twelve ca-
" lendar months, at leaſt, before the
" death of ſuch donor or grantor (in-
" cluding the days of execution and
" death) and be inrolled in his Majeſ-
" ty's court of *Chancery*, within ſix
" months after the execution thereof;
" and unleſs ſuch ſtocks be transferred
" in the public books kept for the
" transfer of ſuch ſtocks, ſix calendar
" months, at leaſt, before the death of
" ſuch donor or grantor (including the
" days of transfer and death:) *And* un-
" leſs the ſame be made to take effect
" in poſſeſſion, for the charitable uſe in-
" tended, immediately from the mak-
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" ing thereof, and be without any " power of revocation, reſervation, " truſt, condition, limitation, clauſe, " or agreement, whatſoever, for the " benefit of the donor or grantor, or " any perſon claiming under him."

It is therefore thought neceſſary to inſert the above clauſe, that ſuch perſons, as ſhall think this Hoſpital a proper object of their charity, may be acquainted with the force and extent of this Act of Parliament; and may know how to beſtow their benefactions in ſuch manner, as not to have their good intentions fruſtrated thereby.

Benefactions, by will, can only be of perſonal eſtate, ſuch as money, ſtocks, or annuities, or other public funds or ſecurities, Securities for money, and ſuch like; and alſo of any ſort of perſonal eſtate, a bequeſt muſt be made in the following manner, *viz.*

" I give and bequeath to the Gover- " nors and Guardians of the Hoſpital, " for the maintenance and education " of expoſed and deſerted young Chil- " dren, the ſum of (or any " perſonal eſtate whatſoever)"

This is a good gift, and cannot be ſet aſide. But, if any direction to lay the money, (or other thing given,) out in land, is added to the bequeſt, it makes it void.

N. B. That the proper officers of the Eccleſiaſtical Courts, who ſend to the Secretary, at the Foundling Hoſpital, *London*, extracts from wills, whereby any legacy is given to this Charity, ſhall receive Half a Guinea for each; and ſuch extracts coſt them nothing, being for charity.

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